

Situation Report

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1,344 visibly oiled birds have been collected alive by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the states and our partners in response to the Deepwater Horizon/BP oil spill. Of those, 551 birds have been rehabilitated and released.

598 Service personnel are actively engaged in response efforts. They are working to protect wildlife, important habitats and national wildlife refuges from the oil as it washes ashore, and are assessing the damage already done in preparation for the work that will be done to restore the Gulf of Mexico.

On St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge in Florida, crews excavated 130 loggerhead turtle eggs to move them out of the path of the oil. The eggs are being moved to NASA's Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral, FL. Once they hatch, the turtles, which are protected under the federal Endangered Species Act, will be released into the Atlantic Ocean.

Crews are removing oiled boom from the northern end of the Chandeleur Islands and oily sand and debris from the southern end of the chain in Louisiana.

Personnel from the Southwest Louisiana National Wildlife Refuges Complex are working with St. Mary Parish to place crab traps containing sorbent material to monitor for subsurface oil in the Shell Keys.

Aerial operations over Louisiana observed new oil in Barataria Bay and Grand Terre Island and oiled marshes throughout North Biloxi Marsh.

New oil has been found at Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge in Alabama.

By the numbers

Personnel Involved

Overall personnel responding: approximately 42,500

Response Vessels

Total vessels responding: more than 5,300

Boom Data

Total boom deployed: more than 2,073 miles

Boom available: more than 760 miles

Oil Recovered

Oily water recovered: more than 34.5 million gallons

Amount estimated burned: more than 11.14 million gallons

Dispersant

Surface dispersant used: approximately 1.07 million gallons

Subsea dispersant used: approximately 771,000 gallons

Total dispersant used: approximately 1.84 million gallons

Shoreline Impacted

Shoreline Impacted over last 24 hours: approximately 631 miles of Gulf Coast, including about 364 miles in Louisiana, 110 miles in Mississippi, 69 miles in Alabama, and 88 miles in Florida.